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METHOD FOR DATA TRANSMISSION,  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated January 11, 2006, please amended this application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.